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Senate Bill No. 63

Senate, March 25, 2013

The Committee on Public Health reported through SEN. GERRATANA of the 6th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING GRANTS FROM THE BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH TRUST FUND FOR STROKE RESEARCH.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 19a-32c of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2013*):

3 There is created a Biomedical Research Trust Fund which shall be a
4 separate nonlapsing fund. The trust fund may accept transfers from
5 the Tobacco Settlement Fund and may apply for and accept gifts,
6 grants or donations from public or private sources to enable the
7 account to carry out its objectives. On and after July 1, 2001, the
8 Commissioner of Public Health may make grants-in-aid from the trust
9 fund to eligible institutions for the purpose of funding biomedical
10 research in the fields of heart disease, cancer and other tobacco-related
11 diseases, [and] Alzheimer's disease, stroke and diabetes. For the fiscal
12 year ending June 30, 2002, the total amount of such grants-in-aid made
13 during the fiscal year shall not exceed two million dollars. For the
14 fiscal year ending June 30, 2003, and each fiscal year thereafter, the

15 total amount of such grants-in-aid made during the fiscal year shall not
16 exceed fifty per cent of the total amount held in the trust fund as of the
17 date such grants-in-aid are approved. Not later than April 1, 2001, the
18 Commissioner of Public Health shall develop an application for grants-
19 in-aid under this section and may receive applications from eligible
20 institutions for such grants-in-aid on and after said date. For purposes
21 of this section, "eligible institution" means (1) a nonprofit, tax-exempt
22 academic institution of higher education, or (2) a hospital that
23 conducts biomedical research.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2013	19a-32c

PH *Joint Favorable*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

There is no fiscal impact to the Department of Public Health (DPH) from expanding the fields of research performed by eligible institutions that may be awarded grants from the Biomedical Research Trust Fund (BRTF) to include "stroke." The bill does not alter DPH's administrative duties associated with BRTF. It does not alter the statutorily-required deposit from the Tobacco Settlement Fund to BRTF per CGS Sec. 4-28e. Nor does it alter the statutory limitation on grants awarded.¹

The Out Years

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

¹DPH awarded grants are limited to 50% of the total held in BRTF on the date grants are approved, per Sec. 19a-32c.

OLR Bill Analysis**SB 63*****AN ACT CONCERNING GRANTS FROM THE BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH TRUST FUND FOR STROKE RESEARCH.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill expands the purposes for which the Department of Public Health (DPH) may make grants from the Biomedical Research Trust Fund to include biomedical research related to strokes. DPH may already award grants from the fund for biomedical research in heart disease, cancer, other tobacco-related diseases, Alzheimer's disease, and diabetes.

By law, DPH may award the grants to (1) nonprofit, tax-exempt colleges or universities or (2) hospitals that conduct biomedical research. The total amount of grants made during a fiscal year cannot exceed 50% of the total amount held in the fund on the date the grants are approved.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2013

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 28 Nay 0 (03/11/2013)